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Activists want policy makers to keep in mind profitability and popularity of the trains beforehand so that service does not meet same fate as Hyderabad's suburban rail

BEFORE THE TRAIN ROLLS IN, GET THE PLAN READY

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With the city still waiting for suburban trains to start, activists say now is the time to work out how to make the service popular and profitable. This thought has arisen after seeing the fate of the once popular Multi Modal Transport Service (MMTs). Several MMTs trains are being suspended in Hyderabad due to low patronage. Activists want city's policy-makers to take this as a wake-up call for the 148-km-stretch of suburban rail, the ground work of which is yet to be completed six years after its launch.

Rail activists say the project was supposed to start months ago. Officials first put the blame of the delay on the pandemic. Activists also emphasised on the potential of the suburban rail along with measures that should be taken to prevent the suburban rails from facing the same fate as that of the MMTS in Hyderabad.

Rajkumar Dugar, founder and convenor, Citizens for Citizens, said, "The Metro line to the airport will not help more than 25% of the city as it starts from Central Silk Board and moves to the western edge, then towards the northern western edge followed by the northern edge and then to the airport. So, this route will not benefit 80% of the city. Moreover, from Central Silk Board, the Metro takes 100 minutes to reach the airport while by road it takes much less."

He said the suburban rail starts from the city railway station and goes to Malleswaram and Yeshwantpur railway stations, so people getting down will not need to take the road, but only change platforms, take a train and go straight to the airport terminal. "Secondly, there are plenty of bus stands near these stations. And there are a number of Metro stations too. So, the entire functional Metro network will have access to the airport terminal via these two stations. The footfalls at the airport are set to increase in the coming days with the creation of terminal two," he said.

He added that for successful functioning of the suburban rail, authorities should start the work as soon as possible

> **"The railways and state government should provide capital so that the railways can have increased capacity and can be maintained**

and lay more emphasis on the airport corridor, without which, the city is bound to become more chaotic.

Prakash Mandoth, President, Bangalore Metro and Suburban Rail Passenger Association and member, Zonal Railway Users Consultant Committee, Southwestern Railway, said, "The suburban rail is a better option as it will be cheaper than Metro and faster. We need suburban connection to two-tier cities like Ramanagara, Kolar, Bangarapet and Hosur. The suburban rail was earlier supposed to cover 86 stations, but now it will cover 56 stations. The other stations should also be added in the suburban rail. The government should think about the places like Malur, Doddaballapura and agree to the extension which will make the project 300-plus kilometres." Mandoth said from the present airport connection to Chikkaballapur and Kolar should also be taken into suburban rail as it will make a circular route along Bengaluru city, Hosur, Anekal road, Hejjala and Kengeri. "If the coverage is more, there will be more connectivity and more people will be using the trains, so there will be no question of low profit. And the trains should also stop every 2 km for better connectivity," he said.

Sanjeev Dyamannanavar, DGM, Bharat Electronics Limited, Bengaluru, said that there should be a dedicated organisation set up for the suburban railways that would handle its operation, capacity, financing and and they should also have free say in the fare fixation. "They should also be given all facilities so that the independent organisations running the rail do not face any problems and are able to generate non fare ticket revenues. The railways and state government should provide capital so that the railways can have increased capacity and can be maintained. So, K-RIDE will be taking all these responsibilities and will fix the fare accordingly. It must also be ensured that a lot of commercial revenue is generated for proper maintenance of the railways through property development and other ways," he said.

Smart pic: Attention to detail

50 traffic junctions in city will get high-resolution cameras powered by AI

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When the ongoing project of transforming 50 traffic junctions in the city into smart enforcement junctions by August this year is done, all visible violations will be captured on high-resolution cameras, processed by Artificial Intelligence (AI) technology and software. This evidence will be sent to the centralised Traffic Management Centre (TMC) that will generate and dispatch challans to the offenders.

"The process starting from identifying a visible violation until the challan generation will be taken care of, by technology and there would be no human involvement," says top cop of the city traffic police department Ravikanthe Gowda. "For example, the AI software has been developed on the basis of the Indian Road Congress Regulations which asserts that a half helmet, a plastic cap or a construction helmet worn by a rider riding the vehicle will be considered as no helmet, and the software would take a photograph and/or a video to document the offence and send it to the TMC," Gowda stated.

The traffic police have been conducting awareness programmes over the past six months on wearing helmets complying with safety standards while riding two-wheelers, educating them that half helmets would not save them in a case of accident and is not at all recommended. "A helmet, be it of ISI standards or other quality standards, will have to fully cover your head until the neck down and the portion of your either sides of the head covering your ears," says Kuldeep Kumar Jain, Deputy Commissioner of Police (West) traffic division.

> **"Over 220 traffic signals will be upgraded with adaptive signals, where the system software will calculate the queue length and density of the traffic and based on the time required to clear it, it will self adjust the timings of signals**

High-resolution cameras installed at these traffic junctions would identify half helmets as no helmets and send a photograph/ video of the violation to the TMC. These cameras will also capture all other visible violations such as pillion rider without helmet or wearing half helmets, triple riding, crossing stopline, signal jumping, stopping on zebra/pedestrian crossing, not wearing seatbelt, riding / driving against one way, etc.

"Upgrading of these 50 traffic junctions in the city is being done to do away with much of manual enforcement which not only results in conflict between cops and road users, but also leaves a scope for corruption," another senior traffic police officer told BM.

There are around 20 Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) cameras installed on a trial basis at city junctions. There are also around 15 to 20 Red-Light Violation Detection (RLVD) cameras installed on a trial basis at various junctions across the city. These junctions will be bolstered by installation of high-resolution cameras along with AI technology and appropriate software. "These cameras and softwares are so advanced that they can even detect a defective number plate and can raise a violation with evidence, but, we have not procured the license for that software yet," Gowda pointed out.

"Soon after this project is completed, over 220 traffic signals will be upgraded with adaptive signals, where the system software will calculate the queue length and density of traffic and based on the time required to clear it, it will self adjust the timings of signals," Jain added.

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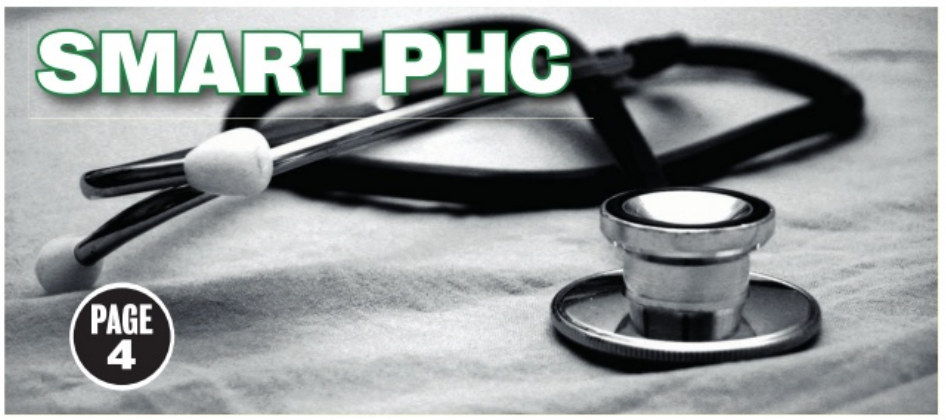

Fishers bursting crackers at small waterbodies to ward off waterbirds have lake activists up in arms

MAN vs BIRD

Fishermen given licences from panchayat, fisheries dept

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Post rejuvenation, birds flocking to a waterbody is a sign of the ecosystem bouncing back to life. The Thimmasandra Lake is such a waterbody. That said, fishermen bursting crackers to ward-off birds feeding on fish at the lake have activists in the city complaining.

Fishermen are given licences from the panchayat and fisheries department for commercial fishing at the lake. To protect their stock, fishers are resorting to firecrackers to ward off birds that feed on the fish.

According to experts, as birds are an essential part of the lake ecosystem, such practices may disperse the avians from the area altogether, affecting the biodiversity.

In the 50.23-acre Thimmasandra Lake, only a single fish variety - the Rohu - has been let in. A frequent year-round visitor to the lake is the little cormorant. Little cormorants feed mainly on fish, crustaceans and amphibians.

Now, the fishermen are worried about losing their profits as flocks of little cormorants descend on the waterbody. According to residents,

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“Fishing should be allowed only in bigger lakes...We need to educate fishermen to adopt sustainable methods...

— N Vinay Kumar, Namami Vrishabhavathi Foundation

Slum of all fears

Displaced of May 3 flash flood still await relief as monsoon looms over Bengaluru skyline

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The fate of hundreds of flood-hit slum dwellers in the city still hangs in balance. One month later, the majority of the residents from various slum colonies are still waiting for financial relief from the BBMP's revenue department.

The residents said while the water receded long ago, they are still living with the awful stench of sewage, cracked walls, and little money to feed their children and elderly.

At Nagamma Nagar colony is Cottonpete, as many as 22 applications were approved for the relief funds after the incessant rain on May 3. The compensation amount, however, is yet to be credited to the accounts.

“As many as 22 houses were approved for relief funds. We are yet to receive any message regarding the financial relief from the BBMP. We are daily wagers with no savings. The fund will help us repair our houses and pay back debts. We are worried about the next spell of rain,” said a resident from Nagamma Nagar.

While as many as 76 applications were submitted from the colony, 54 were rejected. Those approved are worried if the compensation will even reach them.

“We were told that the financial help will arrive after five days of applying. Two weeks have passed; we have not received the token amount,” said another resident.

According to Malarvizhi M of ActionAid

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 Evening tunes

Participate in an evening of music at Lahe Lahe. Come along and be part of this session of two amazing singers/ bands from Bengaluru and get mesmerised with their music. This will be followed by an open mic where 10 people from the audience get to perform for 3 minutes each.
Where: Lahe Lahe, Indiranagar
When: June 5, 6-8 pm

02 Love in spirituality

RS Connect in collaboration with Kabir Project is back with yet another exciting presentation: Prem Kataari, The Dagger of Love. This is an hour-long presentation, where we will reflect on the risks of love – agony and ecstasy, erotic and spiritual, earthly and transcendental. This is the fourth session in the collaboration, a series of presentations called 'Thinking with Kabir and Other Mystics' where spiritual songs of saint-poets like Kabir, Bulleh Shah, Meerabai, and Shah Latif from the folk oral traditions of India will be explored. **Where: Ranga Shankara**
When: June 5, 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm; Entry: Free

03 Art in flux

Vasantha Art Gallery (VAG), at Grand Mercure Gopalan Mall presents "Kalpa", a body of works by artist Bodhi Selvam & A Mathew Raj. The central theme is of Kalpa -- a duration of time covering a complete cosmic cycle from the creation to the dissolution of a world system.
Where: Vasantha Art Gallery (VAG), Swamy Vivekananda Road; When: Till June 30, 11 am – 7 pm
Contact: 9980991645

Calling all badminton buffs

The Grand Prix Badminton League was launched by the mentors of eight franchisees: (L-R) Ashwini Ponappa, Sai Praneeth, Jwala Gutta, PV Sindhu, Kidambi Srikanth, Satwiksairaj Ranikreddy, HS Prannoy and Chirag Shetty.
PV Sindhu unveiled the trophy at Shangri-La hotel in Bengaluru.

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Think digital education's over? Hold your horses

As a fallout of textbook controversy, teachers complain they find it difficult to teach without books; they say kids cannot study properly using gadgets

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Teachers in state board schools and parents are in a quandary, once more. Not over fees or offline-versus-online mode, but this time, the problem is about textbooks -- or the lack of them.

Unlike previous years, the academic year 2022-23 started early mid-May onwards as teachers wanted to make up for the lack of physical classes in the past two years and complete the syllabus.

However, the early start hit a snag as teachers had no textbooks due to the raging controversy. Since it may take a few more weeks -- if not months -- for the fresh textbooks to be printed, schools took up the issue with the authorities and succeeded in uploading the digital content of the revised textbook. However, this has led to a plethora of problems.

Usha R, a school teacher said, "Every day now, I have to take printouts of the lessons. Due to this, students find it harder to concentrate. Some of the students bring mobile phones inside classrooms claiming that they are reading the digital material. Others misuse the gizmos to play games inside the classroom. It becomes extremely difficult for us to monitor this."

Kids may end up misplacing the sheets and it's a hassle to print them, say parents

> **Many children misuse the gizmos to play games in class**
> – Usha R, a teacher

For Devika Shetty, a parent, controlling screen time of her child has become a lot more difficult now in this scenario. According to her, it is also challenging to get printouts every day as most homes do not have printers. The printouts also have a higher chance of being misplaced.

Associated Managements of Primary and Secondary Schools in Karnataka General Secretary D Shashi Kumar said, "More than 50 per cent of textbooks are still unavailable. The Education Department has failed to provide textbooks on time. As of now, we don't have any high hopes on early distribution as well."

He added that they were demanding that the Education Department take back old textbooks and give them refunds. For the last two years, most textbooks were not taken by parents due to online classes and schools had bought these textbooks in the hope of selling them."

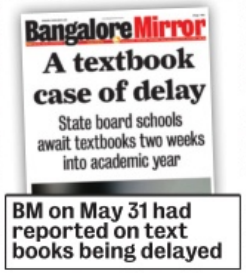
However, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai is hopeful that the textbooks will be distributed shortly. Speaking to the media on Saturday, the CM said that he would look into the objections regarding textbooks.

On Saturday, the Karnataka State Government had disbanded the Textbook Revision Committee headed by writer Rohith Chakrathirtha claiming that the work of the committee was completed. The development comes after the committee faced flak with allegations of saffronisation of school syllabus.

Religious seers wrote letters to Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai to rectify the mistakes and had also warned the state government to not play with the feelings of people. Bommai added that the textbook revision exercise was undertaken regularly to find objectionable content in Kannada and Social Science textbooks prescribed for children.

"Panditaradhya Swamiji and other seers have objected to the content of Basavanna in the syllabus. However, the content on Basavanna will be revised in such a way that feelings are not hurt," he said. The Education Department had even directed the cyber police to initiate legal action against those who had distorted the state anthem as per the wishes of Nirmalanandanatha Swamiji and other seers, he added.

(With inputs from agencies)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A textbook case of delay
State board schools await textbooks two weeks into academic year

BM on May 31 had reported on text books being delayed

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Virtual clinics to come up at 27 centres across B'luru; 20 specialist doctors will take charge initially

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In its bid to provide quality healthcare to all, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), under its Smart City Project initiative, is coming up with smart virtual multispecialty clinics. The clinics will be implemented at 27 Primary Healthcare Centres (PHCs) across the city with 20 specialised doctors.

Out of these 27 PHC locations, one pilot location will be considered for the execution of the project.

"The clinic is a part of BBMP's various citizen-centric programs. We will be leveraging technology and the digitisation process to ensure that quality healthcare reaches every person in the city. The project has been implemented keeping in mind the urban poor. We aim to provide world-class healthcare facilities to them at their doorsteps," said a Smart City official.

The virtual clinic is also expected to strengthen the primary care landscape and reduce the burden on community hospitals.

"Primary healthcare is an important aspect for the urban poor. Currently, due to the lack of good and affordable health care facilities, those from economically weaker sections of society rarely get a diagnosis of the root cause. They end up treating the symptoms as they cannot afford to go to multispecialty clinics and get themselves thoroughly checked. The virtual clinic will be equipped with high-end technological equipment to diagnose the disease and then provide treatment," said Vinayak Sugur, chief engineer, Bengaluru Smart City Limited (BSCL).

Patients will no longer have to stand in serpentine queues at PHCs once this initiative is rolled out

> **"Keeping the urban poor in mind, we aim to provide world-class healthcare facilities to them**
> – a Smart City official

The team of specialist doctors stationed at the Clinical Control Command Centre will provide virtual consultation free of cost for the lower-income group.

"The clinic is expected to reduce the burden from community hospitals. The team of doctors, well qualified in their respective specialisations, will be consulting from Clinical Control Command Centre and will provide virtual consultation with on-the-spot basic diagnostics. Patients will not have to wait in long queues at healthcare centres. The PHCs will house all the medical equipment required for diagnosis and treatment at the virtual clinic," added Sugur.

The PHCs associated with the virtual clinic will also maintain medical records of those visiting for consultation and will be equipped with video conferencing systems.

The medical equipment that will be made available at all the 27 PHCs associated with the Clinical Control Command Centre will include a digital stethoscope, sphygmomanometer, glucometer, fundus camera, Snellen vision chart, ECG facility, examination table, dermascope, A3 digital x-ray scanner, ophthalmic refraction unit, Schirmer tear test strip, magnifying lens, ophthalmoscope, etc.

The project is a tripartite agreement between BSCL, BBMP and Idea Infinity IT Solutions. The clinic will be handled by BSCL for two years before handing it over to the BBMP.

Soap star helps BBMP do a clean-up act

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One of Karnataka's favourite television actors, Aniruddha Jatkar, on Saturday was invited by the BBMP chief commissioner Tushar Giri Nath to discuss civic issues faced by Bengalureans.

Jatkar has a huge fan following on social media as he is the lead actor of famous television soap 'Jothe Jotheyalli' and his fans often interact with him on social media about civic issues.

"I felt extremely honoured as I was invited by Mr Tushar Giri Nath, IAS, to discuss these civic issues," he said.

"In order for citizens to get direct access to civic authorities, display the contact numbers of all zonal marshals and other officers in charge on the nameplates of roads so that the citizens can contact them directly when their assistance is needed." Jatkar also suggested enforcing a blanket ban on use of plastic in any form. He pointed out that the civic agency should also place composters at each of the wards at different places and ensure that biodegradable waste is collected regularly and fed into it; one can offer an incentive to citizens for giving segregated biodegradable waste.

Improper garbage dumping has been one of Jatkar's pet peeves

Jatkar also suggested to the commissioner that making a few changes in their solid waste management strategies would benefit everyone. For example, arrangements could be made for suitable closed vehicles for picking up garbage with compartments for different types of waste, put modern dustbins at places where more garbage is likely to be produced such as choultries, convention halls and restaurants etc.

"Increase the frequency of collecting waste and give incentives to the pourakarmikas whose wards remain clean for the entire month."

Jatkar also told the commissioner that all the wires and cables should be laid below the ground. "If need be, impose a heavy fine on the cable operators, internet service providers and others who are responsible for this. "Make arrangements to seize the cattle roaming around the streets and keep them in goshalas. Impose a heavy fine on those who leave their cattle on the road. Also impose fines on the officers in whose areas, encroachments on footpaths are identified."

Speaking about the lakes in the city, Jatkar said that he would like the civic agency to ensure that the lakes are free from garbage and any of the factory effluents entering it. Weeds have to be removed and a grilled boundary added.

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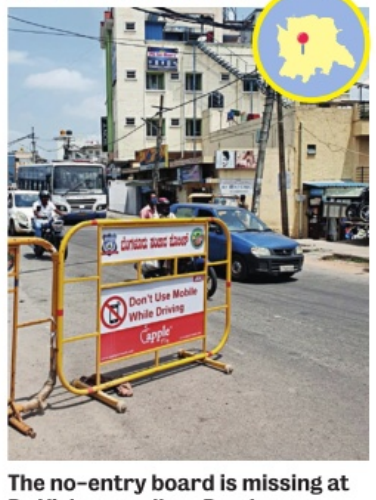
JP Nagar

This is the state of Sarakki Main Road just next to JP Nagar Metro Station. Despite repeatedly complaining to the BBMP, no action has been taken.

Pothole perils
Arakere

The road from the panchayat office, Arakere, towards Byrapura village is full of potholes. Will the authorities repair it?

Signboard missing
Padmanabha Nagar



The no-entry board is missing at Dr Vishnuvardhan Road, near Kadirenahalli Cross, Padmanabha Nagar, and as a result, motorists are violating traffic rules.

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THE POWERS THAT BE

This is a picture of Daivaradhane, a spirit worship ritual celebrated by many Tulu-speaking people in Dakshina Kannada and in some districts of Kerala as well.

The picture was clicked by reader **Sudeep Kumar**

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Homes, caught in a deluge of sewage

Houses in Austin Town are flooded with sewage thanks to BBMP's drainage system repair work

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Despite rain having subsided in the city, several homes in Austin Town continue to be flooded with sewage. Residents allege that this is because of the storm-water drain repair work that has going on for weeks in the area. The people say that the BBMP had started repair work to improve the drainage system. As a result, citizens' main sewage pipes are blocked now.

Srinivas K, a resident of the area, said, "We cannot go about our daily work. For the last two days, we have not been able to cook food in the house."

The residents also say that the water has destroyed many of the electrical appliances in their residences. Ranjith Kumar, another resident of the area, said that as they usually keep things like extension cords on the floor, the water seeped into it while the laptop charger was also destroyed. "Even my phone's charger got destroyed in the same way."

Another resident complained that the dirty water would stink up the house, making it an added burden for them to clean it up.

The residents say that with monsoons looming, they fear that this problem is only going to increase. Ravi K, another citizen, said, "My parents are old; the floor becomes so slippery even after we wipe the water, and it is risky for them. Movement has become restricted inside the house." No steps have been taken by the authorities yet, they say.

Spot the floor: A home that is a slush pit in Austin Town

Rukmini Nagar residents affected

Austin Town is not the only area suffering. Many other areas in the city are also being affected by sewage flooding their homes. A BM reader from Nagasandra said, "The sewage work that was done last year in Nagasandra-Rukmini Nagar is so pathetic that after the recent rainfall, our property was completely filled with sewage. We are having sleepless nights whenever it rains and with the monsoon starting, we are now staring at a chaotic situation."

DID YOU KNOW?

Popularly known as the groundnut festival, the Kadalekayi Parishe welcomes the first yield of the groundnut crop. Heaps of different varieties and qualities of groundnuts spring up in Basavanagudi, one of Bengaluru's oldest suburbs. Before the city grew in size, villages adjacent to Basavanagudi had several groundnut cultivation farms. Legend says every year, groundnut crops used to get damaged by a raging bull that would attack the farms. To protect their harvest, farmers prayed to Basava (Nandi) and offered their first crop to the Lord. An idol of Basava was found and Kempe Gowda built a temple around it in the 16th century, which is known as Basavana Gudi or Big Bull Temple. Kadalekai Parishe is centered around this temple and the belief is that Basava or Bull would consume farmer's offering of ground nuts and bless them.

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where Bengalureans speak their mind

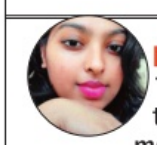
How can authorities help curb speeding in Bengaluru and prevent road accidents?

Arbind Singh, BM Reader
Speed-checkers must be installed in accident-prone places, especially on highways. Reckless driving is very common on such roads and high fines must be imposed for this.

Hayyan Ahmed, BM Reader
Most of the city roads are quite dark at night with either very dim lights or no lights at all. Installing proper lights on streets can prevent accidents

Ritu Jangid, BM Reader
Improper development of roads is a major cause of accidents. Construction work that has been started by the authorities must be completed on time. Proper warning signs and barricades should also be installed.

Pratham Mittal, BM Reader
Corruption and improper implementation of traffic rules have led people to take these rules lightly. Stricter fines and rules must be imposed to force people to comply.



Rachana R, Student
The authorities must work towards improving safety measures like speed-breakers wherever necessary. Heavy fines should be imposed on those who do not follow rules.

Ankita Gupta, BM Reader
It is important for the authorities to conduct a rigorous checking of driving licenses as there are many fake license holders. Moreover, licenses must be given only to eligible drivers and corruption in the process must be checked.

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Quality of 25% of K'taka's rivers degraded; water in Lakshmanthirtha, Cauvery and Arkavathi rivers fit only for irrigation, industrial cooling

Vrishabhavathi River in Bengaluru is polluted as it has to take in all the industrial and domestic effluents

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The water quality of around 25% of the rivers in Karnataka has deteriorated, says a recently conducted water quality test report by the Karnataka Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) in association with the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB).

The analysis was performed at 63 monitoring stations covering 19 rivers in the state. The results show that while 24% of the river stretches have degraded (joined Class E), 60% remained consistent (Class C) and just 16% of the stretches improved (to Class B).

The water in Lakshmanthirtha, Cauvery and Arkavathi rivers conformed to E-Class, making it fit only for irrigation, industrial cooling and controlled waste disposal.

As per CPCB specifications, water from Class 'B' waterbodies can be used for outdoor bathing, from Class 'C' can be used as drinking water after conventional treatments followed by disinfection and from Class 'E' can only be used for irrigation, industrial cooling and controlled waste disposal purposes.

Water samples were analysed for 28 parameters, which included core, physico-chemical and bacteriological parameters along with field observations. Besides this, eight trace metals and 15 pesticides were inspected once a year to assess the water quality. The monitoring locations wherein one or more parameters were exceeded were identified as polluted.

The water quality monitoring results were investigated concerning the indicator of oxygen-consuming substances (Bio-chemical demand) and pathogenic bacteria (total coliform and faecal coliform).

According to Dr Vidyadhar Atkore, an aquatic ecologist working on the biodiversity of rivers and wetlands in India, the presence of faecal coliform or pathogenic bacteria indicates a eutrophic condition of the waterbody. This means that water is not potable, and biota is not healthy.

> **In most of the rivers in the state, riparian vegetation is missing, and agricultural runoff is entering rivers. While we have a poor regulatory mechanism in place, location-specific recommendations by KSPCB will help other agencies in reviving the rivers** –TV Ramachandra, IISc

"Presence of faecal coliform leads to high Biological Oxygen Demand (BOD). If the BOD value of a waterbody is consistently high, measures should be taken to improve the water quality. High BOD is an outcome of a stagnant river stretch. This happens when there is a dam upstream leading to inconsistent water flow. This flow should be regulated during the lean season (summer). This will increase the Dissolved Oxygen (DO), which will further improve the biotic conditions of the river," said Dr Atkore.

Experts say stagnant water also leads to the growth of invasive species that in turn depletes DO. This leads to the presence of only certain types of exotic species, hampering biodiversity.

He further added that some river stretches in Karnataka need to be monitored in terms of flow regulations, as this impacts native biota including certain endemic and threatened fish species.

Threats are umpteen

Although the headwater region of many rivers of Karnataka is relatively undisturbed, river ecosystem experts opine downstream stretches are in a poor state because of various reasons such as the construction of dams, pollution from surrounding townships, agricultural run-off and industrial effluents.

"Sand mining is yet another big threat. When sand is taken out of the riverbed, it creates a deep pool and water stagnates. This degrades water quality which favors only exotic species of biota," explained Dr Atkore.

According to Dr TV Ramachandra, Centre for Ecological Sciences, Indian Institute of Science (IISc), while monitoring river water quality is a great exercise, it should be done cautiously.

"The water quality data monitored by us rarely matches with the water quality data made available by KSPCB. Many times, a lower BOD is shown by the agency, whereas at some of those locations we recorded higher values," said Dr Ramachandra.

Experts say monitoring is not enough and the pollution watchdog should also provide location-specific recommendations to improve the water quality, as different river streams have distinct pollution sources.

For instance, while River Kali is heavily polluted due to the paper mill industry, the Vrishabhavathi River in Bengaluru is taking in all the industrial and domestic effluents, which is not only degrading the waterbody's health but is also impacting the livelihood of farmers and local communities. Whereas Tungabhadra River's downstream is impacted due to the presence of a dam.

"If sewage is entering, we should have Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs) so that it is treated to a tertiary level and BOD value does not shoot up. STPs have not come in many locations along these rivers' stretches, except in major cities. In most of the rivers in the state, the riparian vegetation is missing, and agricultural runoff is entering the rivers. While we have a very poor regulatory mechanism in place, location-specific recommendations by KSPCB will help other agencies in reviving the rivers," said Dr Ramachandra.

Nod to Corbevax for booster dose

Biological E. Limited, a Hyderabad-based pharmaceutical and vaccines company, on Saturday, announced that its Corbevax covid-19 vaccine has been approved by the Drug Controller General of India (DCGI) as a heterologous covid-19 booster dose for individuals aged 18 years and above after six months of administration of primary vaccination (two doses) of Covaxin or Covishield vaccines for restricted use in an emergency situation.

A statement issued by pharmaceutical and vaccines company read, "The BE's Corbevax is the first such vaccine in India to be approved as a heterologous covid-19 booster. Recently, BE has furnished its clinical trials data to the DCGI who after a detailed evaluation and deliberations with the Subject Experts Committee granted their approval for administering the Corbevax vaccine as a heterologous booster dose to people who have taken two doses of either Covishield or Covaxin." Biological E's clinical trial data showed that Corbevax booster dose provided good enhancement in immune response, the statement. Mahima Datla, Managing Director, Biological E. Limited, said, "We are very happy with this approval, which will address the need for covid-19 booster doses in India. We have crossed yet another milestone in our covid-19 vaccination journey. This approval reflects once again the sustained world-class safety standards and high immunogenicity of Corbevax." –ANI

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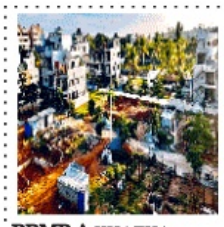

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I Najeeha Habib Shukri, W/o Firozahmad Hasansab Torgal, R/o, Flt B 1602, Aparna Elina Appt, Tumkuru Road, Yeshwanthpura, Near Yeshwanthpura Railwa Station, Bengaluru 560022, Have Changed My Name to Najeeha Firozahmad Torgal, For All Purposes

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GET NOTICED

Lake fishermen get cracking

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there has been an increase in the number of birds visiting the lake. The issue, they said, has emerged roughly after the fishing licence was issued in the past few years.

"Fishermen are using firecrackers to scare the birds as they have procured a licence to catch fish. They believe the birds will hamper their profits. We have spoken to fishermen often. They continue to employ such aggressive tactics. It's not the first case," said Myriam Shankar, managing trustee, Anonymous Indian Charitable Trust (TAICT).

Similar incidents were reported from Turanhise Lake too, but for the past month, there haven't been any cases. While no harm has come to the birds yet, scared avians do relocate to other waterbodies.

"We have spoken to gram panchayat officials to warn the offenders," a resident said. According to a source, it's very common in lakes. In some lakes, reflective surfaces are used — shiny disks or mirrors — to ward off birds.

"Commercial fishing should not affect ecological balance. Birds should be allowed to survive," said activist Ram Prasad. While no STP has been set up nearby, the lake receives treated water from the Nagawara valley project. Quarterly testing of the water has shown positive results. Lake activists said the department of fisheries should not give license to fish in smaller lakes.

"Fishing should be allowed only in bigger lakes. Fisheries department should not give licence to any particular community for fishing and if permitted, smaller lakes should be left-out," said N Vinay Kumar, fisheries expert and technical advisor at Namami Vrishabhavathi Foundation.

According to Kumar, fishermen want to profit as costs are involved in tender and so on. "We need to educate the fishermen to adopt sustainable methods where a balance can be struck. We also need to take into account the little percentage of fish for bird-feeding," he said.

Deputy director of fisheries (Bengaluru Rural), SR Nagaraj said, "We will find out who has the permit to fish. Birds are part of the ecosystem. We will inform officials concerned and based on whether the tank comes under the fisheries or panchayat, we will inform the bidder and PDO respectively. If they continue the practice, their license will be cancelled."

Deputy director of fisheries, Dr Deepanjali A told BM that the department shall also inform district officials: "We will warn the fishermen; we shall also speak to the community members to spread awareness. Often these fishermen are not aware of the impact on the food chain."

An ornithologist BM spoke to said the number of birds visiting lakes increased after commercial fishing. "Population of little cormorants in any lake is not big enough to cause an economic loss. They mainly feed on small fish. Fishermen shouldn't be concerned about shooing away the birds. The population of cormorants increased due to commercial fishing. In the mid-1990s, this was not an issue. Since the mid-1990s darter and cormorant numbers shot up due to increased food availability. Other waterbirds dependent on fish, such as pochards, have become barely visible in Bengaluru," said Bengaluru-based ornithologist Dr S Subramanya.

No relief for slum dwellers

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Association, an organisation working for slum dwellers in the city, many families in other colonies are still awaiting financial relief on account of the rainfall that occurred in January this year.

"We had submitted 75 applications in February for the flood relief fund for the residents of Narasimha Colony slum near Mysuru Road. However, it has been six months. Then, we filed 75 applications for the relief fund. Every applicant was entitled to receive Rs 10,000. However, all of them just got the token amount of Rs 1 in their accounts. They are still waiting for their final relief amount from the last time," said Malarvizhi.

While Malarvizhi and her team are supporting the residents with dry rations, they said it is not enough, looking at their debts, owing to the recent flash flooding.

"Immediate relief is an emergency fund and should be released immediately. When we reached out to the revenue department, they said the applications have been submitted and now the government has to release the money. Even the disaster management committee should have been a part of the decision-making on this issue. It is not only their responsibility to ensure that justice is done for the poor in such cases, but they could also have evaluated the situation from a better standpoint," added Malarvizhi.

Slum dwellers are now planning to reach out to the local MLA and request the immediate release of aid.

Dip in RTE admissions at Mysuru's schools

In heritage city, of total 672 seats, only 382 filled up so far

Lack of awareness among parents about this quota is also a reason for fewer admissions

The Right to Education (RTE) quota seats are losing sheen across the State as parents' quota of private schools have decreased over the years. Though the seats are increasing in the last few years, the demand is decreasing. Though initially, the private schools in the neighbourhood were brought under RTE and there was a great demand from the eligible parents. However, as the government found it tough to pay the fee for the students, it decreased the quota of private schools. Now, mostly RTE seats are restricted to either government or aided schools. Hence, the demand has come down.

The same is the case in Bengaluru or Mysuru. In Mysuru, out of 672 seats, only 382 seats are filled up. Ramesh Gowda, a parent, said, "The change of rule in the RTE act is the main reason for this. RTE mandates applying to RTE seats are possible only when there is no availability of Government schools within a one-kilometer radius of the child's residence. Hence, we are not opting for an RTE seat."

Apart from the amendment of the Act, the lack of awareness among the parents in rural areas is also another reason.

The mandatory age limit is also contributing to reducing applications.

In the year 2019-20, there were 969 seats available and 1,120 applicants. Hence, 675 seats were distributed via draw of lots. In 2018-19 the allotted seats were 5,185, but only 4,333 students opted. In 2017-18, out of 4,591 seats, 3,928 took admissions.

Deputy Director of the Department of Public Instruction Ramachandra Raje Urs said, "Earlier, there was a provision for getting seats in aided and un-aided schools through RTE. This reduced the number of admissions to government schools. So, the rule was changed so that those who live a one-kilometre distance from the government school can't claim RTE seats. This has reduced the number of parents who seek RTE seats. But still this year, there are 382 seats filled through RTE."

"Earlier one could get get seats in aided and unaided schools via RTE. This had reduced admissions to government schools – Ramachandra Raje Urs, Department of Public Instruction

An amendment problem

- As per the amendment, parents cannot admit their wards in a in a private, unaided school under the RTE quota if there is a government or government-aided school in their locality
- The amendment has also freed a number of private unaided private unaided schools of the obligation to accommodate children under the RTE quota

Right to Education is implemented to provide quality education to the children of downtrodden families.

Under the RTE Act, the Government pays the fee and other expenses of the children who are admitted to LKG and 1st Standard. No other grades can be admitted through RTE. **– Prakash VL**

Delay no reason to stop action in bigamy case

The Karnataka High Court has refused a petition seeking to quash the case of bigamy filed against a 76-year-old man who admitted that he is still married to three women.

The HC said his admission makes it a "continuing offence". "In the teeth of the admitted facts of the petitioner marrying thrice and its subsistence even as on day, the plea of delay in registration of the crime would pale into insignificance, as bigamy in the case at hand is a continuing offence," it said. Anand C alias Anku Gowda's first wife, Chandramma, had filed the case of bigamy and abetment against him, his third wife Varalakshmi, 49, and four of his close friends and relatives.

Anand had married Chandramma in 1968. He married her sister Savitramma in 1972. Anand claimed Chandramma had consented to the second marriage. Anand married Varalakshmi in 1993 and claimed before the HC that both his first two wives consented to the third marriage.

Chandramma's complaint of bigamy was filed in 2018. She alleged that Anand had suppressed the fact of his earlier marriages while marrying Varalakshmi. Anand, his third wife and other accused challenged it in the High Court on the ground that the complaint was filed nearly 25 years after the wedding. The second contention was that the third marriage had the consent of his other two wives. Justice M Nagaprasanna, who heard Anand's petition, held in his May 25 judgement that the case against Anand and his third wife cannot be quashed as they were aware of the preceding marriages. **– PTI**

Site scam: Movie producer among 4 persons arrested

The Rajaji Nagar police have arrested four persons including the producer of a Kannada movie on the charges of cheating a city-based businessman by promising him a site at a cheaper rate.

The accused have been identified as Manjunath, Shivakumar, Gopal and Chandrashekhar, the police said.

According to the police, the accused Manjunath invested a huge amount in a newly released movie and incurred heavy losses. In order to recover the lost money, he along with his associates launched a real estate firm in Rajaji Nagar offering sites in and around the city at good locations at 'reasonable rates'. The accused had taken Rs 2 lakh as advance from one Pushpa Kumar after he was taken to a Layout nearby and showed him a site belonging to someone else stating that the same plot is being sold to him. The accused started giving evasive responses whenever Pushpa Kumar approached them for the registration and other process. Suspecting something fishy, he approached the police and filed a complaint.

The police have taken the accused into custody for further investigation. **– BMB**

Man who killed mom held

Police on Saturday arrested a 26-year-man on charges of killing his mother for not buying him a mobile phone.

The arrested person has been identified as Deepak, a resident of Lucas Layout in Mylasandra. According to the police, Deepak had allegedly strangled his mother Fathima Mary (50) to death on June 1. The accused's sister Joyce Mary had lodged a complaint regarding her mother's disappearance.

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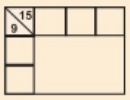
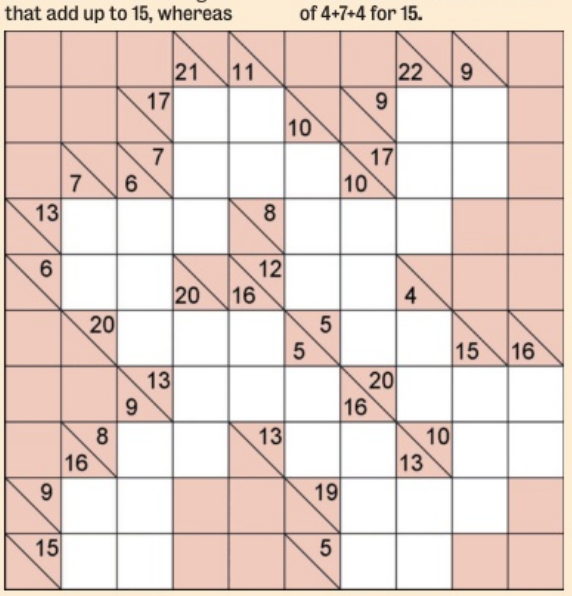
The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas



for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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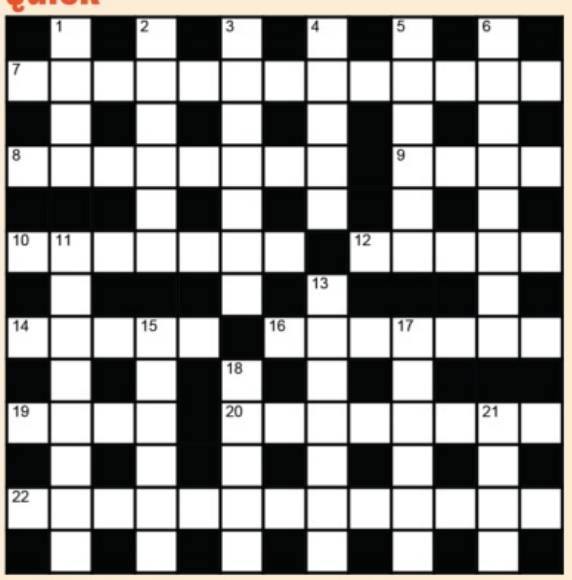


ACROSS

7 Kind (6-7)
8 Guess (8)
9 Cheese type–"made" anagram? (4)
10 Two-wheeler (7)
12 Recant (5)
14 Foyer (5)
16 Well ___ larder: in which there are many things to eat? (7)
19 Maori war-dance (4)
20 Elaborate formal speeches (8)
22 Disorderly haste (6-7)

DOWN

1 Allows or permits (4)
2 Peculiar aspect (6)
3 Extremely, highly or remarkably (7)
4 Make some allusion to (5)
5 Title role for Rowan Atkinson (2,4)
6 NE US state (8)
11 Segregates or separates (8)
13 This cathedral in Bangalore is over 200 years old (2,5)
15 Wild animals (6)
17 Freezes or ices (6)
18 Woo (5)
21 Require (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: M EQUALS S

KLD JIYR CIBEYYCOYD SPCK-DPCJI JB UCMNJG KJ ATYZEP GCINM: MTSSDMM.

Linemaro

It would brighten my day to see a pretty girl smile. Would you please do it?

Mindchow

Love is one long sweet dream, and marriage is the alarm clock

Joke of the day

If you can't laugh at yourself, I'll do it for you

Loop

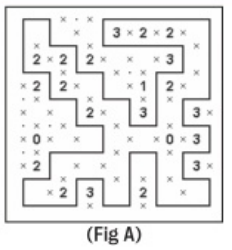
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

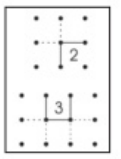
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

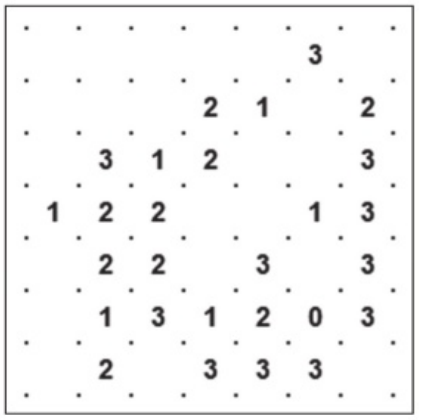
Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed



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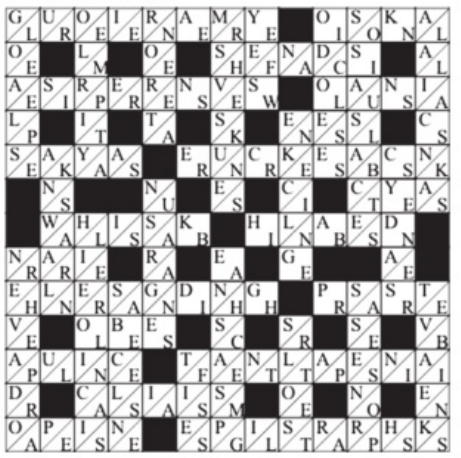
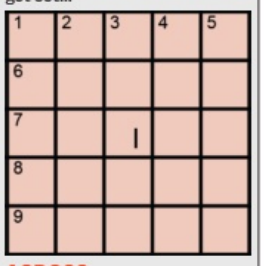


This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

1 Arhat; 6 At ire;
7 Tiara; 8 Skit I;
9 Tucks

DOWN

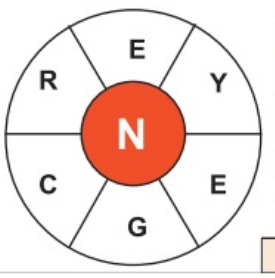
1 Stria; 2 Rat it;
3 Auk hi; 4 Tacit;
5 Asker

Mensapuzzle

What is the difference between the lowest number and the average of all the numbers?

3 9 12 15 18 25 30

Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

03 Average; 04 Good; 05 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

			5		4			
	8		6		3		1	
	1	9				5	4	
5			4		9			8
2	7						9	5
8			7		6			3
	4	8				9	7	
	5		8		1		3	
			9		2			

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 6

4 7 8 9

Medium = 28

4 7 8 9

Hard = 15

2 5 7 2

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

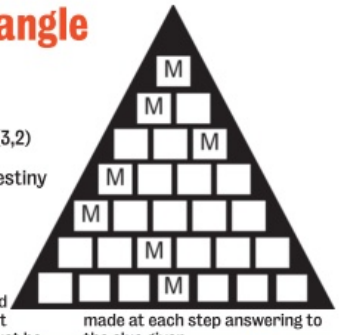
Differences: 1. Handle is lower. 2. Lid is moved. 3. Line is added to sidewalk. 4. Back of truck is different. 5. Window is different. 6. Shutter is longer.

Riddler

A neighbour who stays far away Rarely seen by light of day Seems to blush when seen at night An avatar for those who fight Now distant travellers have dropped in To crawl upon his cool, dry skin A fearsome pair keep company Swimming in an empty sea. Who or what is he?

Alpha triangle

1 Molarity
2 Do, re, _ fa ....
3 Indistinct
4 Care for
5 Fielding position (3,2)
6 Pianist Fats
7 Condemning to destiny



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

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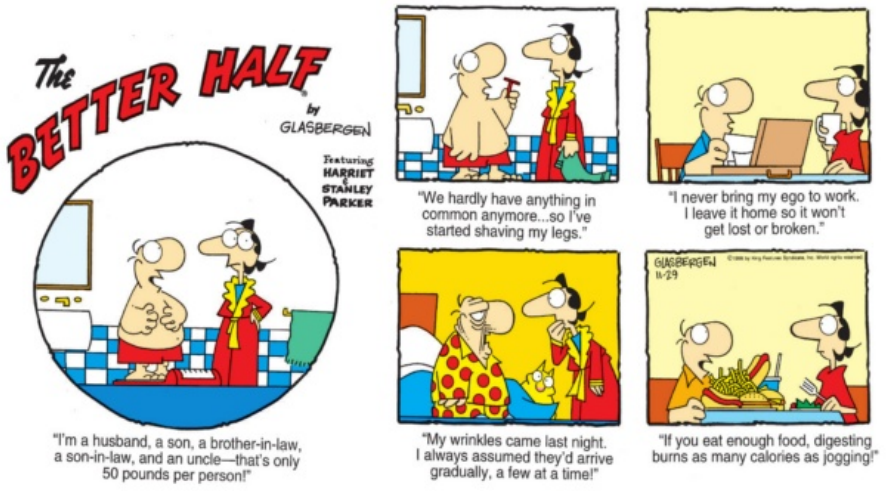
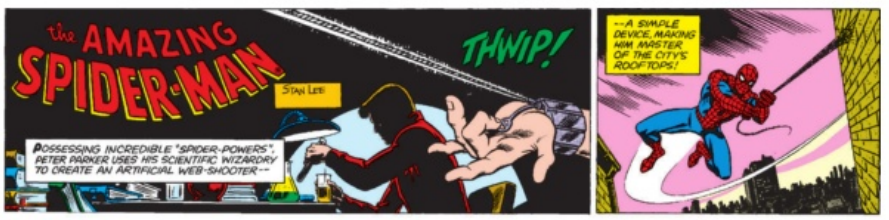
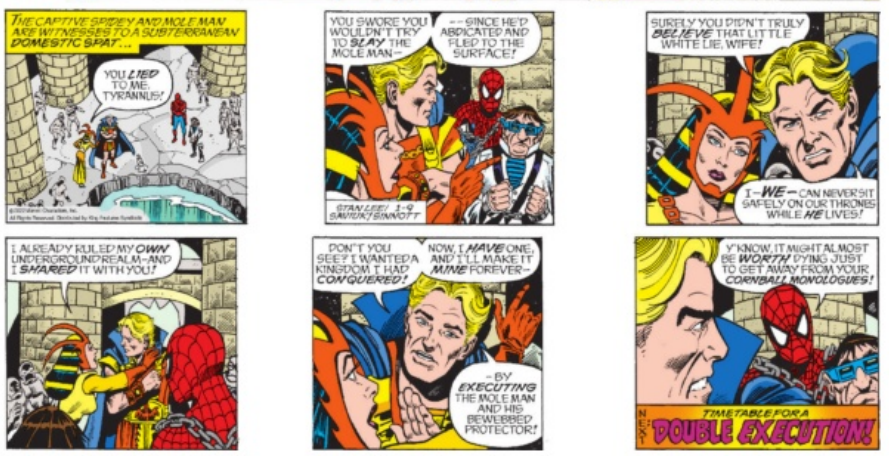

The BETTER HALF
by GLASBERGEN
featuring HARRIET & STANLEY PARKER
"I'm a husband, a son, a brother-in-law, a son-in-law, and an uncle—that's only 50 pounds per person!"
"We hardly have anything in common anymore...so I've started shaving my legs."
"I never bring my ego to work. I leave it home so it won't get lost or broken."
"My wrinkles came last night. I always assumed they'd arrive gradually, a few at a time!"
GLASBERGEN 11-29
"If you eat enough food, digesting burns as many calories as jogging!"

BABY BLUES
BY RICK KIRKMAN & JERRY SCOTT
MIKE AND I ARE THINKING ABOUT TAKING THE KIDS ON A HIKE NEXT WEEKEND.
THAT SOUNDS NICE.
WOULD YOU AND DARRYL LIKE TO COME?
THAT WOULD BE SO FUN!
DARN. WE'RE BUSY.
LET ME SEE IF THERE'S ANYTHING ON MY CALENDAR...
TAP TAP TAP
BLORP!


the AMAZING SPIDER-MAN
STAN LEE
THWIP!
POSSESSING INCREDIBLE 'SPIDER-POWERS', PETER PARKER USES HIS SCIENTIFIC WIZARDRY TO CREATE AN ARTIFICIAL WEB-SHOOTER--
--A SIMPLE DEVICE, MAKING HIM MASTER OF THE CITY'S ROOFTOPS!


THE CAPTIVE SPIDEY AND MOLE MAN ARE WITNESSES TO A SUBTERRANEAN DOMESTIC SPAT...
YOU LIED TO ME, TYRANNUS!
YOU SWORE YOU WOULDN'T TRY TO SLAY THE MOLE MAN--
--SINCE HE'D ABDICATED AND FLED TO THE SURFACE?
STAN LEE! 1-9 SAVIOR/SINNOTT
SURELY YOU DIDN'T TRULY BELIEVE THAT LITTLE WHITE LIE, WIFE!
I--WE--CAN NEVER SIT SAFELY ON OUR THRONES WHILE WE LIVES!
I ALREADY RULED MY OWN UNDERGROUND REALM--AND I SHARED IT WITH YOU!
DON'T YOU SEE? I WANTED A KINGDOM I HAD CONQUERED!
NOW, I HAVE ONE, AND I'LL MAKE IT MINE FOREVER--
--BY EXECUTING THE MOLE MAN AND HIS BEWILDERED PROTECTOR!
Y'KNOW, IT MIGHT ALMOST BE WORTH DYING JUST TO GET AWAY FROM YOUR CORNBALL MONOLOGUES!
NEXT: TIMETABLE FOR A DOUBLE EXECUTION!

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today you may feel lethargic and may encounter obstacles at work. You just have to be more discriminating with the help you render to other people. Quick results in business are not advised today. You take the opportunity to spend money on useless items, which can make your family annoyed.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today, your hard work may pay off and give you success. You may plan to go on a short work-related trip. Your team members can support you in implementing your business plans. Your opponents may appreciate your hard work. You may hear good news from siblings.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today you will be able to control your spending on needless things. You can plan to invest capital in business. You can invest your savings in some real-estate plan, which will increase your financial health in the future. You can be polite to others. You can focus on domestic affairs, but your spouse will be upset or have some health issues.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
There may be good vitality and inner strength today. You have the opportunity to create good plans and implement them efficiently. But read the documents carefully before signing on them. Because of the high enthusiasm you feel today, you can invest some capital in family business. Love birds should avoid getting into pointless discussion.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today is not a good day because of anxiety and restlessness. You may waste precious time doing useless tasks. You may plan to visit a religious place in search of peace of mind. You can get some advice from your elders, which will show you direction to manage a confusing situation.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
The community will come together today and re-establish your network, which will benefit you in the future. Those working in glamour, art, and fashion can plan to do something new in terms of their profession. Students will perform better in terms of study today. Love birds will enjoy happy moments.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today, you may be busy at work, which can make you tired and you may not be able to spend the right amount of time with the family. You may also create some foreign networks. You have to be careful in terms of investments. Those who are employed can expect a promotion.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today, you may be busy at work, which can make you tired and you may not be able to spend the right amount of time with the family. You may also create some foreign networks. You have to be careful in terms of investments. Those who are employed can expect a promotion.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today, your moon is not in good condition and you may have health problems. You may incur losses in business or investment. It is advisable to not invest in new business. Your gains will turn into losses. You are advised to stop investing in useless products. You should avoid getting caught up in controversies, otherwise it will pull you down.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
You are blessed by the moon today and may hear some good news regarding your profession. Domestic life may be in full swing of happiness. You are advised to avoid arguments on useless topics. Too much excitement may test your patience. You may make important decisions when investing in real estate. Students can focus on their studies.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
You may feel a little lethargic, but somehow you can get back to your work. You will focus more on the child's studies. You may be in a position to win against your enemies and foes. Investors need to be careful when making difficult decisions. Job seekers can find suitable jobs.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
You may feel negative vibes around you today, which can make you unpleasant. You can avoid investing in worthless assets. You may notice that friends are not supportive today. So you should not expect too much from them for help, otherwise it may make you even more upset. You have to make independent decisions today.

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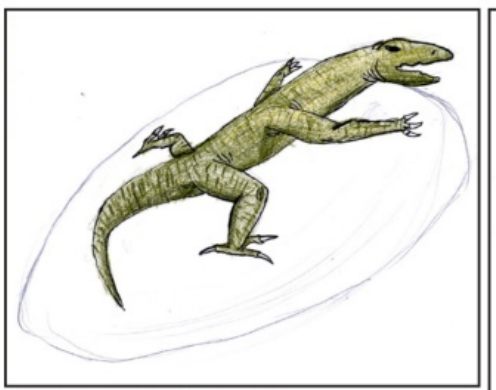

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
24÷6(x−4) = (−10)(−10)+(2)(2)
4(x−4) = 100÷4
4x−16 = 104
4x = 104+16
4x = 120
4×4 = 120/4
x = 30

RIDDLER Mars

BULL'S EYE
energy, gene, genre, greed, REGENCY

FAST FIVE

A	T	H	A	R
I	R	A	T	E
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STRIKE OUT

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QUICK

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MENSA PUZZLE
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QUOTE UNCODE
The only infallible criterion of wisdom to vulgar minds: success.

SUDOKU

6	2	7	5	1	4	3	8	9
4	8	5	6	9	3	2	1	7
3	1	9	2	8	7	5	4	6
5	3	1	4	2	9	7	6	8
2	7	6	1	3	8	4	9	5
8	9	4	7	5	6	1	2	3
1	4	8	3	6	5	9	7	2
9	5	2	8	7	1	6	3	4
7	6	3	9	4	2	8	5	1

ALPHA TRIANGLE
M, Mi, Dim, Mind, Mid on, Domino, Dooming.

GO FIGURE
Easy
8 − 4 + 9 − 7 = 6
Medium
8 + 7 + 4 + 9 = 28
Hard
5 x 2 + 7 − 2 = 15

LOOP

KAKURO

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 # Mariah Carey sued
Mariah Carey has been sued in the US for alleged copyright infringement over her global hit 1994 song 'All I Want for Christmas Is You,' court documents show

Sam didn't board the Jawan bus?

Reports suggest role was first offered to Samantha, who turned it down and Nayanthara stepped in

Director Atlee is making his debut in Bollywood with the film 'Jawan' starring Shahrukh Khan. The title teaser of the movie was released on June 3 and it has taken social media by storm. Reportedly, Nayanthara will be playing the female lead and the movie makers are expected to make that announcement soon.

Now, there is a new buzz that before Nayanthara, the first choice of the female lead was offered to Samantha.

According to reports, Samantha was offered 'Jawan' first but she rejected it due to certain personal reasons. Once Samantha turned down the project, it was offered to Nayanthara.

Shahrukh Khan in the title teaser sports a rugged look and it has created anticipation among fans expecting the movie to be different from any of Shahrukh Khan's movies. Samantha adding the title teaser to her Instagram story stated that it was deadly.

This is Atlee's first Hindi movie and his first collaboration with Shah Rukh Khan. The film is expected to be released in theatres on June 2, 2023 in five languages. Nayanthara reportedly will be playing the role of an investigator and Shahrukh Khan will be playing a dual role in the film. **—ETimes**

Shakira splits up with soccer star Pique after 12 years

Colombian pop star Shakira and her partner, Spanish soccer player Gerard Pique, are splitting up, the pair said in a statement released Saturday.

"We regret to confirm that we are separating," the two said in a statement released by Shakira's public relations firm. "For the well-being of our children, who are our highest priority, we ask that you respect our privacy. Thank you for your understanding."

Shakira, 45, met the Barcelona defender while she was promoting her 2010 World Cup anthem, "Waka Waka (This Time for Africa)." The couple have two children, Sasha and Milan.

In recent days, rumors of the demise of the couple's 11-year relationship had gripped Spanish media, fueled by media reports that Pique, 35, had left the family's home in Barcelona and was living by himself in the city. **-AP**

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